

Wisconsin Valley Library Service presents:

Annual Youth Services Workshop

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Wausau Community Room, Marathon Co. Public Library,
300 First Street, Wausau 54403 / [Map & Parking](#)

[Register](#) by November 27.

- *Participants will learn about intentionality in promoting literacy skills during storytime.*
- *Participants will evaluate their current storytime process.*
- *Participants will leave with resources and methods for incorporating strategies to build literacy skills during storytime and programs.*

9:00 – 9:30 AM Coffee and Conversation

9:30 – Noon **Supercharged Storytimes for All**



Julia Carlis and **Mollie Stanford** were participants in the Supercharged Storytimes for All Train-the-Trainer program in 2018 and were selected instructors for Minnesota's Supercharged Storytimes for All statewide online program.

Children's storytimes are a hallmark of library programming, and thanks to the VIEWS2 research, we know that library storytimes do matter. Intentionally including early literacy strategies with an interactive approach in storytime leads to corresponding early literacy behaviors in children. Furthermore, libraries are in a unique position to reach children very early in their lives and to connect with parents and caregivers at the same time. The Supercharged Storytimes for All course turns the findings from the VIEWS2 research into practical strategies for library storytime practitioners. This curriculum was developed for WebJunction and OCLC by Saroj Ghoting, early literacy expert, and CiKeithia Pugh, Early Learning Program Manager at Seattle Public Library.

Participants will also receive an introductory homework assignment the week of Nov. 11 to prepare for the session.

Noon – 12:45 PM Lunch Register for \$8 catered in, or bring your own
Pizza, fruit, dessert, beverage

12:45 – 3PM **Storytime Expert Series**

1. Music and Movement: **Jerissa Koenig** (Eau Claire)
2. Sensory Friendly: **Katie Kubisiak** (Rhineland) and **Laura Lawler** (MCPL)
3. Science/STEAM: **Krista Blomberg** (Rib Lake)
4. Nature: **Annette Miller** (Tomahawk)

4.5 contact hours for the day.

If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, please contact Anne Hamland at:
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Mollie Stanford's experiences include working in public libraries, an academic library, a children's museum, and two of Minnesota's federated regional library systems, which is her specialty. She is currently Regional Librarian at Arrowhead Library System with a focus on youth services and training. Passionate about breaking down barriers and providing access to services, Mollie works with library staff of all types on literacy support, programming, space evaluation, training, and policy development. Her education includes a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois. When she's not at work, you can find her relaxing on Lake Vermilion, reading the latest psychological thriller, or hand-feeding chipmunks and chickadees in her backyard.



Julia Carlis is the Branch Manager at Dakota County Library — Pleasant Hill in Hastings, MN. There, Julia works with her team, the library system, and partner organizations to provide responsive and engaging services, programs, and experiences to everyone in the community. She believes that sharing with and learning from colleagues is one of the best ways to improve her own practice as a library person. In 2018, she was part of the Supercharged Storytimes for All Train the Trainer cohort and then a trainer for that program through WebJunction/OCLC and Minnesota's State Library Services. She previously was the Youth Programming and Outreach Librarian at Dakota County Library, where she ensured that branch librarians were able to deliver excellent programs from storytime to art classes, computer programming to magic, coordinated with others to market these programs, and led the development and implementation of the annual youth summer reading

and learning program Summer Discovery. Prior to that, Julia was a teen librarian and a children's librarian. Julia is the 2020 Chair of the Minnesota Library Association's Public Library Division.